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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 067

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 13940

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PINS, VS

SUBJECT: BIEN HOA ROCKETED AGAIN

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY SAIGON FROM AMCONSUL BIEN HOA
31 OCT 74 REPEATE FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE

BIEN HOA 562

REF: BIEN HOA 560

1. ON OCTOBER 31 BETWEEN 0530 AND 0600 HOURS, BARELY 23 HOURS
SINCE ITS LAST ROCKET ATTACK, THE BIEN HOA AIRBASE AND SURROUNDING
AREA WAS SHELLED WITH 35 122MM ROCKETS. TWENTY-FIVE ROCKETS IMPACTED
ON THE AIRBASE CAUSING NO CASUALTIES BUT DESTROYING ONE STORAGE
AREA 50 PERCENT AND SLIGHTLY DAMAGING TWO UH-1 HELICOPTERS. ONE
ROCKET CRATERED THE WEST RUNWAY AT XT 980135.

2. THE REMAINING ROCKETS LANDED IN AN AREA 1 TO 3 KMS WEST OF
THE BASE IN THE VILLAGES OF BINH HOA, BUU LONG, AND TAN THANH
(XT 969137, XT 972128, AND XT 965120) RESULTING IN FOUR CIVILIANS
KILLED, TWO CIVILIANS WOUNDED, AND ONE HOUSE 90 PERCENT
DESTROYED AND ONE PAGODA 20 PERCENT DESTROYED. A SINGLE ROCKET
LANDED AT NUI DAT HAMLET IN THE BIEN HOA TOWN AREA AT YT 016123,
JUST BEHIND MR-3 NATIONAL POLICE HQS AND A FEW HUNDRED METERS
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FROM THE ICCS REGION V HQS, CAUSING NO INJURY OR SIGNIFICANT

DAMAGE.

3. MR-3 G-2 HAS IDENTIFIED TWO LAUNCH SITES 10 KMS NORTHWEST OF THE AIRFIELD IN TAN UYEN DISTRICT AT XT 905205 AND XT 908215.

BOTH BIEN HOA

SECTOR AND 3RD DIV A-2 REPORTED THAT SOME ROCKETS WERE FIRED FROM A POSITION 9 KMS NORTHEAST OF THE AIRFIELD IN CONG THANH DISTRICT AT APPROXIMATELY YT 108168. THESE POSITIONS ARE QUITE FAR FROM THE LAUNCH AREA UTILIZED IN THE OCTOBER 30 ATTACK WHICH BIEN HOA SECTOR HAS PINPOINTED ALMOST 10 KMS TO THE NORTH OF THE AIRBASE IN TAN UYEN DISTRICT AT YT 022230.

4. THE BIEN HOA PROVINCE CHIEF, COL LUU YEM, REPORTED THAT THE 113TH SAPPER GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT ROCKETING AND THAT DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF OCT 31 ONE MEMBER OF THIS SAPPER GROUP WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER CAPTURED IN THE VICINITY OF THE LAUNCH SITE 9 KMS NORHEAST OF THE BIEN HOA AIRBASE MENTIONED IN PARA 3. SIGNED PETERS
UNQUOTE MARTIN

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